

A BILL

FOR AN ACT TO AMEND SECTIONS 471, 472, 473, 474, AND 475 OF THE CODE OF 1873, AND CHAPTER 11 AND 26 OF THE ACTS OF THE TWENTY-SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY, MAKING SAID SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS APPLICABLE TO CITIES UNDER SPECIAL CHARTERS AND TO ELECTRIC, HEAT AND POWER PLANTS, ALSO DISPENSING WITH THE APPROVAL OF VOTERS TO ENABLE CITIES AND TOWNS TO AUTHORIZE ELECTRIC PLANTS, AND RATIFYING ACTS HERETOFORE DONE.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Iowa:

SECTION 1. That sections 471, 472, 473, 474 and 475 of the code of 1873 and chapter 11 and 26 of the acts of the twenty-second general assembly be and the same are hereby amended by making the same applicable to cities under special charters; and said section 471 of the code of 1873 as herewith amended and as amended by chapters 11 and 26 of the acts of the twenty-second general assembly is now further amended so as to read as follows, to-wit:

“They shall have power to erect water-works, or to establish and maintain gas-works or electric light plants, with all the necessary poles, wires, burners and other requisites of said gas-works or electric light, heat or power plants; but no such gas-works or water-works shall be erected or authorized until a majority of the voters of the city or town at a general or special election, by vote, approve the same”.

SEC. 2. That nothing in said sections or said chapters 11 or 26 contained shall be held or construed to require that the approval of the voters of the city or town shall be necessary to enable any such city or town, whether under a special charter or under general incorporation acts, to authorize any person, firm or corporation to construct or operate any electric light, heat or power plant.

SEC. 3. All authority heretofore given by any city or town (whether organized under special charter or general incorporation acts) for the erection of any electric plant without approval of the voters of such city or town is herewith ratified and confirmed and made valid in every respect as fully as if done or given after this act had taken effect.

SEC. 4. This act being deemed of immediate importance, shall be in force and effect from the time of its publication in the Iowa State Register and the Des Moines Leader, newspapers published in Des Moines, Iowa.